

REMARKS

Claims 1 is objected to because of informalities. The informalities have been corrected. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 7 has been amended.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Haartsen (USP 6021124) in view of Huang (IEEE). Independent claims 1, 4 and 7 have been amended. Applicant's submit that neither Haartsen, nor Huang, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the invention of amended claims 1, 4 and 7.

New claims 8-16 have been added. These claims do not contain new matter.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 4 and 7 are in condition for allowance. Applicants further submit that dependent claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8-16 are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency on claims 1, 4 and 7. Applicant requests the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Please charge any fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees, to 50-2117.

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